has been made by the World Bank. At the time of investment clearance by the Planning Commission, the total cost of the Project was estimated at Rs. 6406.04 crores as per 1987 price level. The proect cost has not been revised.

(b) and (c) Factual information about the Project are being given wide publicity within India and abroad with a view to dispel misgivings about the Project.

Hydro-Geological projects taken by Central Ground Water Board

7271. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) have taken up any conjunctive use projects in different hydro-geological set up of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the CGWB have made any explanatory study in Amravati and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra and Kolar district of Karnataka; and

(d) if so, what are the details of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ground Water Board, under the Scheme for Conjunctive Use of Surface and Ground Water, has taken up studies in 6 basins of the country viz. (i) Sarda Sahyak Command Area (Uttar Pradesh), (ii) Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojna (Rajasthan), (iii) Mahi Kadana Canal Command (Gujarat), (iv) Hirakud Command (Orissa), (v) Tungabhadra Command (Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka) and (vi) Ghataprabha Command (Karnataka).

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Exploratory studies for artificial recharge of ground water have been taken up by the Cental Ground Water Board in Orange and Banana belts of Amravati and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra and Gauribidanur and Mulbagal talukas of Kolar district in Karnataka.

Irrigation Potential of the country

7272. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the irrigation potential of the country by the year 2010 A.D.;

(b) what are the targets fixed and achieved in respect of each major project during each year of the Eighth Five Year Plan period, State-wise; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken for achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The likely irrigation potential through major and medium and minor irrigation shemes at the end of Eighth Plan (1992-97) will be around 96.88 million hectares. No further targets have yet been fixed.

(b) A statement showing State-wise targets of additional irrigation potential through major and medium and minor projects during Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97), achievements during 1992-93 and targets during 1993-94 is enclosed. (*See* below). Project-wise break up of targets have not been prepared.

(c) Irrigation has been termed as one of the priority sectors during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The strategy to achieve the target *inter-alia* include (i) priority to completion of on-going major and medium